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## **Bloomington man sentenced for bank robbery**

A 53-year-old Bloomington man was sentenced today in federal court in connection with bank heists in Arden Hills, Minneapolis and Roseville last winter.

United States District Court Judge Richard Kyle sentenced David Lee Barnes to 78 months in prison and five years supervised release on one count of armed bank robbery Aug. 25 in Minneapolis. Barnes was indicted on Feb. 20 and pleaded guilty on May 29.

According to his plea agreement, Barnes agrees that he committed three armed bank robberies. On Dec. 12, 2007, he took approximately \$4,278 from the TCF Bank in Roseville; on Dec. 17, 2007, he took approximately \$1,427 from the TCF Bank in Arden Hills; and on Jan. 10, 2008, he took approximately \$150 from a TCF Bank in northeast Minneapolis.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, Barnes entered the Roseville TCF Bank, located in a Cub Foods store at approximately 12:10 p.m. He approached a teller, pulled out a plastic bag, pointed a gun at the teller's chest, and said "I'd like to make a withdrawal, put all the money you have in your drawer in the bag." The robber added, "If you value your life and want to live, hurry up!"

On Dec. 17, 2007, the affidavit stated, Barnes entered the Arden Hills TCF Bank, also located in a Cub Foods store, at approximately 1 p.m. Again he pulled out a plastic bag and pointed a gun at a teller demanding cash.

On Jan. 10, 2008, Barnes entered the TCF Bank, located at 1602 New Brighton Blvd. in Minneapolis at approximately 12:15 p.m. He approached a teller carrying a bouquet of fresh flowers and a black canvas bag. He then pulled out a gun and demanded cash.

Bloomington Police had arrested Barnes on Jan. 11, 2008, in connection with a shoplifting and assault at the Wal-Mart store in Bloomington. At the time of his arrest, Barnes's clothing matched those worn by the bank robbery suspect in both the Minneapolis and Roseville incidents, the affidavit stated. Barnes was later identified as the suspect from the Arden Hills robbery.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office and the police departments of Bloomington, Edina, Minneapolis and Roseville, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William J. Otteson.